

## RTM COMMITTEE MINUTES - FYE 2019 BUDGET

The RTM Parks and Recreation Committee met on April 10 2018 at 7pm. to consider the FYE 2019 budget.

Members present were: Kathy Chase, Douglas Marshall, Juan Melendez, Nancy Mello Miller.

Absent were: Thomas Frickman and Patricia Wagner. A quorum was declared.

Also present were: Mark Barry, Eric Morrison, Mary Jo Riley, and Todd Goodhue.

Accounts discussed: 1064, 2010, 3240

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Account # 1064 Account name Parks and Recreation

Motion for: \$1,529,832 made by Representative Melendez, seconded by Representative Chase.

### Discussion:

Representative Chase asked Mr Barry if the sign for the senior center was in the 2019 budget. Mr Barry explained that it appeared as a CIP in last year's (2018) budget. He further explained that a grant came from Millstone and the rest was raised by Club 55/Senior Center to total somewhere around \$28-29,000. The 20K he was asking for from the RTM would only be for 8 weeks before it is reimbursed. There is maintenance and monthly upkeep on the sign, which includes a software maintenance fee. The money fundraise is enough to include the maintenance on the sign, which can be used for road, amber, and silver alerts. The sign install is also coming from fundraising money.

Representative chase asked about Senior Center concession and if we earn enough to cover all of it.

Mary Jo Riley explained that we do not earn enough revenue to cover all of it. She explained that account 1064 covers chef salary and benefits, and account clerk. The rest of the money from the kitchen comes in account 3020. Mr. Barry explained that the 1064 account pays for employees and almost every program from account 3020 comes from revenue.

Representative Melendez asked what was cut from 1064 from Mr. Barry's request of \$1,593,240.

Mr Barry responded that a beach groomer, architectural services at Fitch, and additional money to pay to open the Senior Center on Saturday mornings from 8-11 (which would have cost \$3,408, some revenue would have been made from holding classes.) Software training was moved to account 3240, and a Boom Mower was also cut.

Representative Chase asked about what the purpose was of the two office assistants at Parks and Recreation and 2 at the Senior Center.

Mr Barry explained that at Parks and Recreation they need someone to answer the phones, help with class rosters, take minutes at commission meetings, answer phone calls for transportation. Ms. Riley explained that the two office assistants at the Senior Center help sign people up for classes. Right now online class sign ups is 2%, with a goal of 10% online class registration this year. They also answer phones to arrange transportation for medical transport, which costs \$2- a ride.

Representative Melendez motioned to approve the original number of \$1,529,832 and it was seconded by Representative Chase.

Vote: 4 In favor Kathy Chase, Juan Melendez, Douglas Marshall, Nancy Mello Miller

0 Opposed \_\_\_\_\_

0 Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_

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Account # 2010 Account name Shennecossett Golf Course

Motion for: \$ 1,357,833 made by Representative Chase, seconded by Representative Melendez.

Discussion:

Representative Marshall asked Mr. Morrison about what the terms were for the lease that the restaurant (Par 4.) Mr Morrison responded that Par 4 just signed a new 5 year lease, to expire December 31, 2023.

Representative Marshall asked how much the golf course pays the town, to which Mr. Morrison responded that Shennecossett pays back \$59,683 (which goes into the General Fund) for support.

Vote: 4 In favor Kathy Chase, Juan Melendez, Douglas Marshall, Nancy Mello Miller

0 Opposed \_\_\_\_\_

0 Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_

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Account # 3240 Account name Rec and Senior Activities

Motion for: \$1,093,949 made by Representative Chase, seconded by Representative Melendez

Discussion:

Representative Chase asked why from 2017-2019 personnel rose 20%. Ms. Riley explained that it was because they were moving people from the general fund into the 3240 account.

Vote: 4 In favor Kathy Chase, Juan Melendez, Douglas Marshall, Nancy Mello Miller

0 Opposed \_\_\_\_\_

0 Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.